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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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SUBJECT: EXCESS PROPERTY FOR GOM

REFERENCE: (A) VALLETTA 2276, (B) VALLETTA 1636,
(C) STATE 180400

1. GENERAL BACKGROUND ON EXPROP AVAILABILITY LISTINGS:
THESE ARE ACCURATE ONLY AT TIME OF PRINTING - THERE IS
CONTINUOUS TURNOVER OF INVENTORY. LISTINGS SHOW ONLY WHAT
AID'S EXCESS PROPERTY DIVISION HAS IN INVENTORY AND WHICH
IS NOT YET SPOKEN FOR. SOME ITEMS IN THE INVENTORY ARE
COMMITTED AS SOON AS THEY APPEAR.

2. STOCKS ARE ISSUED ON FIRST-COME BASIS AGAINST FOLLOWING
PRIORITY: AID-FINANCED (GRANT/LOAN) PROJECTS; FRIENDLY
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT-FINANCED PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF AID
PROJECTS; FRIENDLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED
PROJECTS; VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. FURTHER COMPLICATING
PRIORITY QUESTION IS PL 94-519 WHICH HAS LOWERED AID'S
PRIORITY FOR OBTAINING EP BELOW THAT OF THE STATE AND LOCAL
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GOVERNMENTS. AID, THEREFORE, OBTAINS ONLY LEFTOVERS, BUT
EFFORTS ARE MADE TO AT LEAST PARTIALLY SATISFY ALL WHO
REQUEST EP.

3. EPD DESIRES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GOM. TO DATE WE HAVE
NO BASIS FOR PLACING EQUIPMENT REQUESTED BY GOM ON HOLD
PRIOR TO ACQUISITION BY EPD OR FOR BRINGING EQUIPMENT INTO

INVENTORY. GOM ACCESS TO EP WOULD BE MAXIMIZED BY OBTAINING 607A DETERMINATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT EPD TO PLACE ON HOLD EQUIPMENT REQUESTED BY GOM AND TO ACQUIRE USED PROPERTY DESIRED BY GOM THROUGH NEGOTIATION WITH MILITARY ITEM MANAGERS.

4. 607A DETERMINATION WOULD IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE ON GOM - AND NO OBLIGATION ON USG. WITH 607A DETERMINATION, GOM COULD MAKE REQUESTS ON EPD DIRECTLY BY CABLE THROUGH AMEMBASSY ON ITEM-BY-ITEM BASIS. EPD WOULD THEN ADVISE GOM OF AVAILABILITY AND COST. GOM COULD THEN ACCEPT OR REJECT. IF ACCEPTED, GOM WOULD DEPOSIT FUNDS WITH AMEMBASSY WHO WILL INFORM EPD. EPD WILL COMMENCE NECESSARY ACTION TO ACQUIRE, SHIP, RECONDITION PROPERTY, OR WHATEVER ACTION IS REQUIRED.

5. IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REFTEL (A), PARA 1:
A. TURNOVER OF EQUIPMENT IS FAIRLY RAPID AND GOM WILL HAVE RELATIVELY LOW PRIORITY. HOWEVER, ONCE COMMITMENT IS MADE TO GOM BY EPD, IT IS FIRM. JUNE 2 LIST FORWARDED BY REFTEL (B) WAS BASED ON MARCH AVAILABILITY LISTING. FOLLOWING ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME: REFTEL (B), PARA A-ITEM 10; PARA B-C/N 1224, 1225, 0292, 4908, 4916, 0594, 5524, 0817, 0679, AND 1378. NOTE THAT MAY 1978 AVAILABILITY LISTING FORWARDED MAY 26. CHECK OF JUNE 14 LIST ACCOMPLISHED AND REPORTED BY REFTEL (C).
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B. BULLDOZERS ARE ON "HOLD" PENDING FINALIZATION OF CONTRACT (NOW IN IFB STAGE) FOR RECONDITIONING. THESE WERE OFFERED TO AGIUS AS RECONDITIONED ONLY. AS THESE ARE IN DEMAND, IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER 13 CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE -- SOME, HOWEVER, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GOM. CEMENT MIXERS ARE ON HOLD FOR GOM.

C. AGIUS HAS BEEN INFORMED OF ABOVE.

6. WOULD RECOMMEND THAT GOM FINALIZE REQUEST FOR 607A DETERMINATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW GOM TO PLACE ITEMS ON HOLD PRIOR TO APPEARANCE IN INVENTORY. AFTER THIS, GOM ACTION OFFICER SHOULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH EPD USING AMEMBASSY AS RELAY. VANCE

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